Reservation to economically Backward Classes

3676. SHRIRAMDASAGARWAL:
SHRI DARA SINGH:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1825, given in the Rajya Sabha on the 17th March 2008 and state:

(a) how much time the Commission for fixing the reservation critieria is likely to take to complete its study and for submitting its report to Government;

(b) whether Government has given any specific time-limit to this Commission for formulating the procedure and quantum of reservation likely to be given to economically backward classes; and

(c) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE **AND** EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) and (b) The tenure of the Commission for Economically Backward Classes has been extended up to 31.7.2008 for submitting its Report.

(c) Does not arise.

Setting up of Old Age Homes

3677. SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that there is a provision for setting up Old Age Homes in every district, as per the legislation passed by the Parliament last year;

(b) if so, how many Old Age Homes have been built, so far, and how many of them have become operational;

(c) whether Government would consider building separate Old Age Homes for widowed and destitute or deserted women in the country; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) to (d) As per Section 19 of the Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior citizens Act, 2007, it is for the State Governments to establish and maintain Old Age Homes in a phased manner and prescribe **a** scheme for their management.

Rehabilitation centres for disabled persons

†3678. SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government allocates funds to State Governments, for rehabilitation centres for disabled persons;

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